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SUBJECT: CAIRO NEWS SUMMARY - JANUARY 16

1. TALKS BETWEEN SENIOR GOE OFFICIALS AND UNIVERSITY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES WAS GIVEN FRONTPAGE PROMINENCE IN AL-ALRAM AND AL-GOMHOURIYA. AL-AHRAM QUOTED MARIE AS SAYING PRLIAMENT WILL SETTLE WAGE-PRICE ISSUE IN COLLABORATION WITH GOVERNMENT. PAPER ALSO QUOTED ASSURANCES BY GAMASY TO STUDENTS THAT ISRAEL WILL NOT BE GIVEN CHANCE TO BUILD ANOTHER DEFENSE LINE IF WITHDRAWAL SLOWS DOWN. AL-GOMHOURIYA QUOTED MARIE STATEMENT THAT DISSENTING GROUPS "CREATED CAMPAIGN OF DOUBT ABOUT OCTOBER WAR." ALSO QUOTED WAS HEGAZY'S STATEMENT TO SAME STUDENTS THAT NATIONAL DEFENSE COSTS LE 1,000 MILLION ANNUALLY THAT COULD HAVE BEEN SPENT ON DEVELOPMENT. AL-AKHBAR COVERED DIALOGUE AS MAIN LOCAL PAGE ITEM AND HEADLINED CABINET DISCUSSIONS OF LAWS AFFECTING FOOD SUPPLIES, TRADE, MONETARY SITUATION AND HOUSING.

2. OTHER FRONTPAGE STORIES INCLUDED FEISAL AND ASSAD VISIT TO KUNEITRA (ALL PAPERS), HEGAZY'S STATEMENT TO STUDENTS THAT EGYPT'S LIBERALIZATION POLICIES ARE NEITHER LEFTIST OR RIGHTIST, CONTINUED ISRAELI ATTACKS IN ATTEMPT
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TO OCCUPY PARTS OF SOUTHERN LEBANON, KISSINGER PREPARATIONS

FOR NEW ME ROUND, CHRISTIAN-MOSLEM MEETING IN CAIRO
THURSDAY ON FUTURE OF JERUSALEM (AL-AHRAM), MOSCOW'S
CANCELLATION OF TRADE AGREEMENT WITH U.S. (AL-AHRAM AND
AL-AKHBAR), TOURISM INVESTMENT PROJECTS APPROVED BY EGYPT,
AND US MILITARY EXPERTS WARNING AGAINST "OIL ADVENTURE"
IN ARAB REGION (AL-AKHBAR). AL-AHRAM CARRIED FRONTPAGE
PHOTO OF SADAT'S MEETING WITH SEANTOR PERCY.

3. AL-AHRAM'S MAIN EDITORIAL WARNS ISRAEL THAT FURTHER
"AGGRESSION" IN LEBANON WILL LEAD TO WIDE ARAB CONFRONTATION.
PAPER'S FRONTPAGE EDITORIAL COLUMN DENIES UNILATERAL AGREE-
MENT WITH ISRAEL; AND AL-GAMMAL'S COLUMN SAYS EGYPT IS
LAGGING BEHIND IN CARRYING OUT AGREEMENTS TO INVEST ARAB
FUNDS LOCALLY. CARTOON SHOWED US ADVISING ARABS TO BE
PATIENT SO THAT THEIR PROBLEM CAN BE SOLVED IN SAME WAY
PROBLEMS OF AMERICAN INDIANS WERE SOLVED. IN AL-AKHBAR'S
FRONTPAGE COLUMN, EDITOR MOUSSA SABRY DENIED REPORT OF AN
EGYPTIAN UNILATERAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL
AND ADVISED ARAFAT "TO COME TO EGYPT WHERE FACTS CAN
BE REVEALED FOR HIM INSTEAD OF GIVING PRESS STATEMENTS
REFLECTING WHAT HE HAD HEARD FROM NON-EGYPTIAN SOURCES."
SABRY ALSO BLAMES IZVESTIA AND SYRIAN INFORMATION
MINISTER FOR VIEWS THAT ALLEGED AGREEMENT IS "ISRAELI-
AMERICAN CONSPIRACY SEEKING TO ISOLATE SYRIA." PAPER'S
MAIN EDITORIAL MAINTAINS THAT FORD'S STATEMENT THAT
US SECURITY IS LINKED WITH ISRAEL'S MEANS US APPROVES
ISRAEL'S EXPANSIONISM AND MILITARY SUPREMACY OVER ARABS.
AL-GOMHOURIYA'S EDITOR BADAWI, IN FRONTPAGE COLUMN,
EXPRESSES REGRET THAT BOTH US AND USSR HAVE LOST
ENTHUSIASM ABOUT ME SETTLEMENT.
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